

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of March 05, 2009 issued in relation to the present Patent Application, the Applicant submits amendments to the claims and the below Remarks.

Claims 1-4, 9, 21-30 and 45 are pending in the Application.

Regarding 35 USC 103 Rejections

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fisher et al. (US 5,051,761) in view of Silverbrook (US 6,322,195), and further in view of Lin et al. (US 6,022,104).

Claims 2-4, 9 and 21-30 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fisher et al. in view of Silverbrook (US 6,322,195), further in view of Lin et al., and further in view of Silverbrook (US 20020180834).

Claim 45 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fisher et al. in view of Silverbrook, further in view of Lin et al., further in view of Silverbrook (US 20020180834), and yet further in view of Martin (US 20020171692).

Claim 1 has been amended to limit the thermal bend actuators to have an arm comprising a plurality of separate spaced apart elongate thermal actuator units. None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a thermal bend actuator having such a construction. The thermal bend actuator of Silverbrook (US 6,322,195) has a completely different construction.

It is therefore submitted that claim 1 is allowable. The remainder of the claims are allowable at least due to their dependence on claim 1.

CONCLUSION

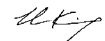
It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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